

The cost of medicines purchased for the last five years.

307. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of the cost of medicines purchased for the State for the years 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100 and 1101?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The subjoined statement gives the information required.

	Rs.
1097 ..	75,978
1098 ..	61,049
1099 ..	74,297
1100 ..	73,723
1101 ..	67,233

The X-Ray installation.

308. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the date on which the building of the X-Ray ward was completed ;

(b) the date on which the X-Ray apparatus was ordered for ;

(c) the date on which it was received in the Hospital and the date on which it was installed ;

(d) the date on which the X-Ray Expert was appointed to the post ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) The building was handed over in March 1925.

(b) The order was given in May 1925.

(c) The apparatus arrived in the General Hospital in December 1925 and was installed in April 1926.

(d) The officer was entertained on 30th March 1925 for the combined charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital and the X-Ray Department.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Who was the officer in charge of the Ophthalmic Hospital till that time, i. e., 30th March ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I was looking after the Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Was there any report that the person who was in charge till then could not manage the Ophthalmic Hospital alone? Was there a report that a new hand was necessary?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, I had brought that to the notice of the Government.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Was that brought along with the recommendation of the appointment of the new incumbent ?